

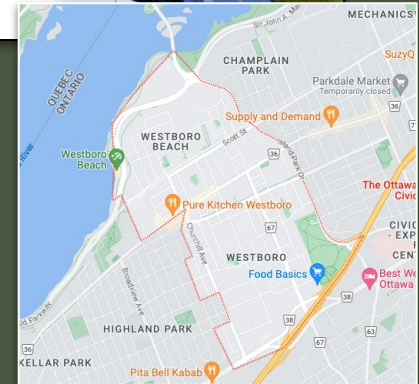
POLLINATOR GARDENS

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Who are we?

- Students from Carleton University's Foundations in Community Engagement course
- Focus of the course this year is pollinator gardens and their importance
- Our group is working alongside the Westboro Community Association
- Our goals:
 - To educate the Westboro community about pollinator gardens
 - To promote the support of pollinator gardens
 - To bring a sense of togetherness to the neighbourhood

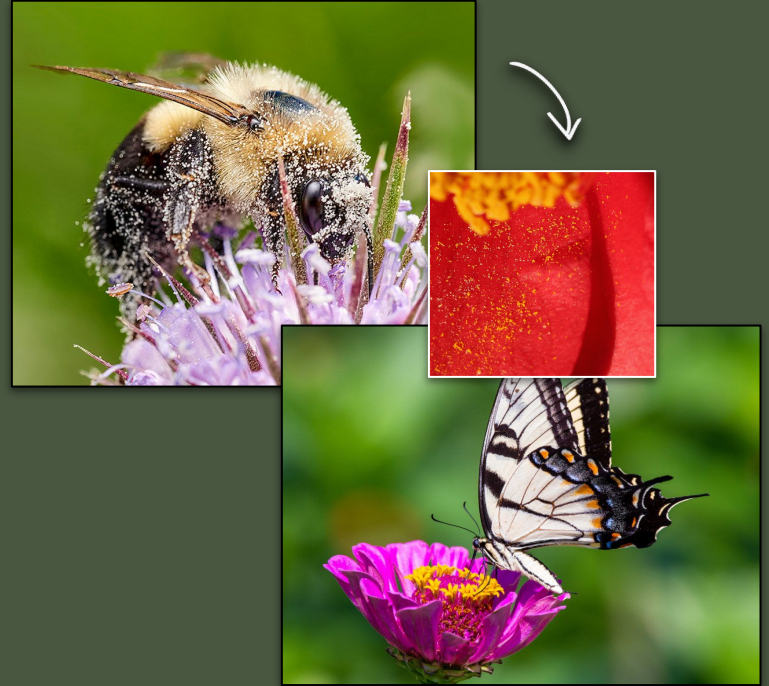


**Before we begin,
is there anything
you know already
about pollinators?**



What are pollinators??

- More than just bees – also birds, bats, butterflies, beetles...
- Go from plant to plant while carrying pollen
 - Pollen is essential for plant reproduction
- Thus, pollinators help plants produce fruits, seeds and young plants
- Some pollinators intentionally collect pollen (ex: bee species) while others do so unintentionally (ex: butterfly species)
 - Pollen can stick onto the bodies of pollinators while feeding on nectar
- Over 800 native species of pollinators in Canada



What are pollinator gardens?

- Designed to support and attract more pollinators
 - I.e, birds, beetles, and butterflies
- Consist of plants such as milkweed, marigold, lavender, and many more
- They house plants that provide sources of food, nectar, water, and protection for pollinators
- The main goals:
 - Create a habitat that is safe for pollinators
 - Create a habitat that can increase the diversity of pollinators



Why care about pollinator gardens?

- They can increase native biodiversity
- Directly support pollinators who are integral to the ecosystem
 - Pollinators help grow crops and maintain the health of plants and other animals
 - Pollinators pollinate crops such as apples, bananas, melons, etc...
- Create opportunities for community engagement
- Working outdoors can relieve stress and have a positive effect on your mental health



Purple Coneflower



*Black-Eyed
Susan*

What can you do to promote pollination?

1) Plant Pollinator Gardens!

Plant native & seasonal pollinator plants in your very own backyards, but make sure to do your research first!



2) Join Community Events!

Participate in local planting events! Just like ours!



3) Spread The Word!

Share knowledge and resources with your community!



An invitation to our community planting day:



*Planting Event:
Mountain Equipment
Company
366 Richmond Rd,
Ottawa
November 2nd at 1:30
pm*

**For more info on
pollinator gardens
in Westboro, scan
this QR code!**



- Additional information on the role of pollinator gardens
- How to start a pollinator garden
- How to get involved with the Westboro Community Association



Join the Buzz, Westboro!

Our community thrives when nature thrives, and our nature needs our help! Pollinator gardens are a simple way to make a big impact. Discover the benefits of creating your own garden, help our local environment, and connect with neighbors who are making a difference. Ready to start? Every garden counts – let's make Westboro bloom together!

Before we go...



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